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## Exam Essay Questions Practice Worksheet

In order to study for the essay portion of the exam, it is useful to examine the major themes we have discussed throughout the year in History class. Use your notes and textbook to reflect on the questions below.

### **Instructions:**

- For each question, **work on your own** to write a **complete thesis statement** for a potential essay on the topic.
- Then, **in complete sentences**, fill in **three or more examples** that you would use to support your answer.
- When you are finished, share your responses with a partner and give feedback on how to improve each other's essays.

### **Practice Essay Questions:**

- How did inventions transform America from an agricultural to an industrial society?

**Thesis Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Example #1:**

**Example #2:**

**Example #3:**

- How has the relationship between government and business changed over the years?

**Thesis Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Example #1:**

**Example #2:**

**Example #3:**

3. What were the negative effects of economic growth in the late 1800s and the 1920s?

**Thesis Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Example #1:**

**Example #2:**

**Example #3:**

4. How has the United States' role in the world changed from WW I to the Cold War?

**Thesis Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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